

TIP of the WEEK
A finding is used to identify a core problem that has a negative effect on mission impact and requires follow-up correspondence. The core problem is identified in the main bullet and, if required, sub-bullets are used to relate symptoms of the core problem. Replies to findings should address the core problem, not the symptom. Each finding will be linked to an applicable PACAF Mission Essential Task.

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Home of the Iceman Team

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“Unrivaled Combat Capability Today and Tomorrow”

Northern Edge begins Monday

by Maj. James Law
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

Northern Edge 2006, the largest military training exercise in Alaska this year, begins Monday, with more than 5,000 U.S. active duty and reserve component Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines participants. Eielson’s participants include the 18th Fighter Squadron and the Alaska Air National Guard’s 168th Air Refueling Wing. Visiting units operating out of Eielson are Ohio Air National Guard’s 180th Fighter Squadron; Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 314, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif.; Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, Marine Corps Air Station, Futenma, Japan; Special Operations Command Pacific, Camp Smith, Hawaii and the Naval Special Warfare Unit 1,

Naval Base Guam. The Army’s 152nd Aviation Battalion will operate from Ft. Wainwright. This air-centric exercise sponsored by Alaskan Command will involve more than 110 Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine aircraft and two Navy destroyers. It will be conducted mainly from Elmendorf Air Force Base near Anchorage, from Eielson AFB near Fairbanks, on and above central Alaska military training ranges and the Gulf of Alaska. The exercise will help prepare forces to respond to crises in the Asian Pacific region by practicing operations, techniques and procedures; by improving command, control, and communication relationships; and by developing interoperable plans and programs. Participants will practice defensive counter air, close air support, air interdiction of maritime targets, and personnel recovery missions.

“Northern Edge 2006 will prepare us for worldwide deployment, and enables real-world proficiency in detection and tracking units at sea, in the air, and on land in response to multiple crisis situations,” said Col. John Marselus, ALCOM’s Joint Exercise Division chief. According to Marselus, Alaska offers a cost effective and low risk training venue that includes expansive aerial ranges and airspace, several major military installations, and a strong support network for exercise participants, “a combination that can’t be found anywhere else in the Pacific region.” New to the Northern Edge exercise this year are the combination of live and simulated assets to create more realistic combat scenarios with a large number of virtual participants, the addition of a Navy carrier air wing operating out of Elmendorf and the participation of the F-22A Raptor.

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Reflection

Master Sgt. Steven Grandalski, 3rd Air Support Operations Squadron superintendent, views the Moving Wall at Veterans Memorial Park in Fairbanks on Memorial Day with his oldest son, Mason. Sergeant Grandalski spoke to visitors and veterans during a ceremony at the park, one of seven Alaska venues to host the wall. The wall is an exact, half-size traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial located in Washington. The wall travels the country to give visitors the opportunity to honor military members that gave their lives during the Vietnam War.



Lt. Col. KellyAnn Thompson

“Gun Coast” testing during Northern Edge

by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- At this moment, above Iraq and Afghanistan, American data sensors are collecting information and intelligence about what is happening on the ground. What happens to the data depends largely on a sensor’s owner and its mission. The data could be reviewed immediately, or it could be stored for later use. What is for sure is that terabytes of information, wherever they come from, often go unused -- left on a secure hard drive until they are no longer relevant to anyone. The Air Force is now engaged in an experiment to take that data and make use of it the moment it comes off sensors. During the Northern Edge exercise, the Air Force will test a system that does just that: the Global Net Centric Surveillance and Targeting, or GNCST, system. Data from sources such as unmanned aerial vehicles, the E-8C Joint Stars, the RC-135 Rivet Joint, electro-optical sensors, synthetic aperture radar sensors, signals intelligence sensors and others are all likely candidates to be fed into GNCST. Called “Gun Coast” by those involved with the project, the system can take near real-time information from a nearly unlimited set of data sensors and process it into useable information for the warfighter, said Maj. Gen. Gregory H. Power, Air Force director of operations and support integration. “With GNCST, a lot of platforms and capabilities will be fusing their data into one single funnel and GNCST is at the bottom of the funnel,” he said. “It takes all that information in, and through algorithms, is able to digest and

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VA working to prevent future information loss

by Samantha L. Quigley
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- The Department of Veterans Affairs has begun a thorough examination of policies and procedures after the loss of 26.5 million veterans’ personal information, the VA’s leader told the House Armed Services Committee May 25. “I’ve formed a task force ... to examine comprehensively all of our information security programs and policies to bring about a change in the way we do business,” R. James Nicholson said. His testimony followed the May 22 announcement that a Veterans Affairs employee had taken electronic data home with him, though he was unauthorized to do so. The information was stolen when the employee’s house was burglarized May 3, though Mr. Nicholson was not made aware of the loss until May 16. The employee has been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of a full-scale investigation, he said. Concerned veterans also can get more information by calling 800-333-4636 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. EDT, Monday through Saturday to reach the manned call center. They can also visit the www.firstgov.gov Web site. To prevent a recurrence, Mr. Nicholson told the committee he has initiated an immediate review of all current positions requiring access to sensitive data. Those who need that access will be required to undergo updated law

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Welcome home



Lt. Col. KellyAnn Thompson

Captain John Dyer, with wife Katie and daughter Rebecca, is welcomed home after returning to Eielson after his 120 day deployment to Afghanistan. More than 100 coworkers, friends and family lined the flightline May 26 to welcome the 355th Fighter Squadron pilots home. The pilots flew more than 11,800 miles in six legs to return to Eielson. Maintainers and other support personnel who deployed to support the A-10 mission there returned home earlier last week.

ICEMEN DEPLOYED



Iraqi Freedom: 72
Enduring Freedom: 62
Other: 4
Total = 139
As of May 31

Today

High 70, Low 44
Mostly Sunny
Sunrise: 2:30 a.m.
Sunset: 11:10 p.m.
Daylight: 20 hrs. 39 mins.



WEEKEND WEATHER

Saturday

High 53, Low 38
Light Rain
Sunrise: 2:27 a.m.
Sunset: 11:13 p.m.
Daylight: 20 hrs. 45 mins.



Sunday

High 53, Low 35
Showers
Sunrise: 2:24 a.m.
Sunset: 11:16 p.m.
Daylight: 20 hrs. 51 mins.



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Twelve of the Air Force’s newest fighter aircraft will operate from Elmendorf for Northern Edge, their first continuous exercise and their first time flying outside the continental United States.

Alaska residents may see and hear increased flying activity during the exercise, which runs through June 16.

Operators of small civilian aircraft transiting military operations areas should be aware and are encouraged to use the Special Use Airspace Information Service by calling (800) 758-8723. In Fairbanks, aviators can call

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disseminate very quickly and very accurately, the position of something like a (surface-to-air missile) site.”

The system uses a Web-based interface on a secured computer network. An end user might access the system and ask it to locate surface-to-air missiles that appeared in a specific region within the last 45 minutes. The GNCST system would then respond, in as little as a few seconds, with target coordinates for those SAMs.

That type of responsiveness and accuracy would be of great use to pilots, General Power said.

“If we had a sortie that was going to attack a target, GNCST might identify a mobile SAM system that had moved into the area as the aircraft took off,” General Power said.

“Of course, the pilot would not know about that,” he said. “But by having GNCST and being able to digest that data -- getting it accurately and fast -- that data would be available for the air operations center to pass to the pilot. This really is a kind of life-saving technology that, once fully developed, is really going to give us an edge on the battlefield.”

The Air Force processes much of its intelligence information by using manpower. But,

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enforcement and background checks.

Employees also must complete cybersecurity awareness training and general privacy awareness courses by June 30.

Mr. Nicholson said they will then be required to sign an annual statement indicating they are aware of the Privacy Act and the proper use of government property.

Mr. Nicholson has directed the department’s information and technology office to revise the security guidelines for single-user remote access developed by the office of cyber and information security. The document, to be completed by June 30, will set the standards for access, use and information security, he said.

The department also has taken extensive steps to notify and protect the affected veterans, he said. They will be notified by individual letter, Mr. Nicholson said during the May 22 announcement.

The data stolen from the employees’ home contained the names and birth dates of 26.5 million veterans and some spouses, as well as Social Security numbers for 19.6 million veterans, he told the committee. Also, some data lost could include numerical disability ratings and the diagnostic codes identifying disabilities being compensated.

The VA also is working with the three major credit bureaus, and all three -- Equifax, Experian and TransUnion -- have simplified the process for veterans requesting a fraud alert.

The Federal Trade Commission is encouraging veterans to report suspected incidents of identity theft via the commission’s identity-theft hotline at 877-438-4338. Banks also have received an advisory from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

372-6913 or contact Eielson Range Control via VHF radio on 125.3 MHz.

Pilots are also urged to always file a flight plan and to obtain the most current status of the MOAs from any FAA Automated Flight Service Station, Anchorage Center, or Eielson Range Control.

“We value the Alaskan communities that consistently support joint military training opportunities,” said Marselus. We are grateful to Alaska’s citizens for their support as we use our expansive aerial training ranges to conduct these critical exercises.”

humans who process intelligence information cannot work as fast or process as much data as the machines.

“A human being processing the data we are talking about here, it could take in some cases days, sometimes even weeks,” General Power said.

“This machine-to-machine interface we will have with GNCST will allow us to do it in seconds, minutes at most. And the timeliness and accuracy of the information is the value we bring to the warfighter.”

The GNCST system was developed primarily to locate SAM sites, but it can be modified to find any number of potential threats, from Scud missiles to tanks.

Complex computer algorithms allow the system to look at nearly any kind of raw sensor data and locate threats. And as the GNCST system develops, those algorithms will be adjusted to recognize any new threats.

“In the future, this target set will grow to eventually include all threats,” General Power said. “The database will be a living document, if you will. The list of threat systems will continuously be changing. As new systems are developed, they, too, will be added to the database.”

The GNCST system could even find “non-threat systems,” General Power said.

One concern with allowing a computer to pick a target is the fear of removing the “human element” from the kill chain. In the Air Force command and control community, “kill chain” refers to the series of events leading from identification of a potential target to the ultimate destruction or “kill” of that target. The target could be a building, a cave, a convoy or a communications tower.

While the kill chain can be shortened through the use of computers, at the end, there is always a human who makes the final decision to employ force, General Power said. That will not be eliminated with implementation of GNCST.

“Just like in any execution decision, there will be rules of engagement on scenarios,” he said. “Once the concept of operations is developed, there will be certain checks and balances in it. The final element is the executing human being - the pilot on the sortie - at the end of the kill chain who will have the final say on if they drop on the target.”

Development of the new GNCST system is spearheaded by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.



Photo by Airman Christopher Griffin

New digs

Brig. Gen. Dave Scott, 354th Fighter Wing commander, and Airman Krystal Bernowski, 354th Logistics Readiness Squadron, welcome the completion of Eielson’s newest state-of-the-art enlisted dormitory Wednesday. Built at a cost of more than \$14 million, the 38,814 square foot facility provides quality living space for 96 Airmen.

Readers take part in newspaper survey

by 2nd Lt. Bryon McGarry
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

More than 300 people participated in the Artic Sentry’s 2006 readership survey in late April and early May.

“We appreciated those who took the time to respond to the survey,” said Capt. Christopher Anderson, 354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs chief. “The feedback we received gives us great insight to help us improve our newspaper.”

“Several reader’s suggestions have already been implemented,” he added.

“Many people commented in the survey that we have too many ads,” said Tech. Sgt Scott Farrow, 354th FW PA NCO in charge. “But this saves the Air Force approximately \$40,000 a year in printing and delivery costs.”

Under the standard agreement for Department of Defense civilian enterprise newspapers, the publisher sells advertising to pay for printing and delivering the Arctic Sentry. This means no cost to Eielson. Per regulation, the average quarterly ratio of advertising to editorial copy in newspapers cannot exceed 60 percent.

The first change to the Arctic Sentry implemented was increasing the size of the newspaper. For a time, the newspaper was six pages. The main reason was manning. The Arctic Sentry staff, normally comprised of three people, was down to one person due to deployments and permanent changes of station. The paper staff is now up to two people writing articles, taking pictures, editing stories and designing and laying out the newspaper content.

“To help cover events and to highlight various units on base, we are looking at energizing the Unit Public Affairs Representative program,” said Captain Anderson. “An effective UPAR program will get young Airmen writing and submitting stories about the events in their organizations.”

Many people asked for the Arctic Senty to be delivered to housing. Public Affairs met with the publisher and delivery to housing began two weeks ago. Dormitory residents can also pick up a copy of the Arctic Sentry in the lobby of their dorms.

Not only is the Arctic Sentry available at home and at work centers, it is also posted to the Eielson Web site. This was implemented for deployed members and TDY personnel to help them stay in touch with events at Eielson.

One of the most requested items on the survey was the “police blotter.” Public Affairs is working with the judge advocate office and Security Forces to get the blotter in the Arctic Sentry at least two times a month. The entries are reviewed by JA for privacy considerations.

In order to highlight events on base, a monthly Services insert was also established. “People can use the insert as a planning tool to see what is happening during the month,” said Sergeant Farrow.

Another highly requested items was classified ads. “Many people don’t realize that military and family members can place a for sale ad in the Arctic Sentry free of charge,” said Sergeant Farrow. “

Two more items added to the paper are the crossword puzzle and the Street Buzz. “The Street Buzz is a fun way to get different people’s perspectives on a variety of questions,” he said.

“People should keep in mind that the Arctic Sentry is the commander’s information tool,” said Captain Anderson. “We realize there is always room for improvement and we will continue to strive to publish the best product that we can for our military, civilian and family members.”

For complete survey results, visit the Web at <http://www.afnews.af.mil/internal/survey/statistics.htm>.

Cookout season: practice barbecue safety

Before you get the grill going, spend a few minutes on your “Q,” and you’ll have a cleaner, safer barbecue.

■Whenever you barbecue...

Make sure that the grill is at least five feet--or better yet 10 feet from your house or any other material that could catch fire.

Only open your propane tank a quarter to one-half turn. That’s all the gas your barbecue needs to operate, and if you have a problem, then it’s much easier to shut off.

Unless you’re keen on joining the space program, always open the barbecue lid before you light it. If it doesn’t fire up the first time you try it, then shut it down, and try it again in about five minutes.

From the time you light the barbecue, until you’re finished cooking, stay with your fire. Accidents can happen when you leave a barbecue unattended.

■Safety First!

Always make sure that the grill is in a safe place, where kids and pets won’t touch or bump into it. Keep in mind that the barbecue will still be hot after you finish cooking.

If you use a barbecue lighter, make sure you don’t leave it lying around where the kids can access it. It won’t take long for them to figure out how to use it.

When you’re finished barbecuing, always make sure that you not only shut off the barbecue, but shut off the propane tank as well.

■A few tips for charcoal grillers

Never use gasoline to get the coals going. Use charcoal lighting fluid only.

Let the lighter fluid soak into the coals for a minute or so before lighting it. That gives the explosive vapors a chance to dissipate.

Stand back from the coals when you ignite them, and make sure you didn’t accidentally spill any fluid on yourself, or on any area surrounding the grill.

Before you light the coals, make sure that you put the lighter fluid at a safe distance away from the fire.

If the coals start to die out on you, don’t spray lighter fluid on the hot coals. You could end up with explosive results.

Always extinguish the coals when you’re finished barbecuing. Here’s a safe way to do it. Wearing oven mitts, take the coals out of the barbecue with tongs, and submerge them in a metal pail of water.

Always make sure that you keep your children safe from fire..

(Courtesy 354 Fighter Wing Safety Office)

DWI CLOCK

The Iceman Team goal is 60 days without a DWI.

Days without a DWI: 11
Days until goal: 49



Need a free ride home from the North Pole area or on base?
Call: 377-RIDE from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights

Need a ride home from Fairbanks?
Call: Klondike Cab, at 457-RIDE (7433) for discounted rides back to base.

AADD VOLUNTEERS

Airmen Against Drunk Driving volunteers gave 11 rides last weekend and have ‘saved’ 4,863 lives to date.

Special thanks to last week’s Icemen volunteers for helping keep our Airmen safe.

- Airman Lindsey Johnston
- Airman 1st Class Shelby Jacobson
- Airman 1st Class Ryan Gibbs
- Captain Ryan Walinski
- 1st Lt. Jason Lukken
- Tech. Sgt. Darrell Welle
- Mick Boydston
- Airman 1st Class Athena Keller
- Airman William Charleton
- Senior Airman Amy Perry
- Staff Sgt. John Davis
- Staff Sgt. Wiliam Wagner
- Airman 1st Class Shaun McAfee
- Airman 1st Class Joseph Bistline
- Master Sgt. Gregory Goyea
- Airman 1st Class Douglas Mullins
- Airman 1st Class Sandra Bennett
- Staff Sgt. Joseph Nix
- Airman 1st Class Gregory Seeley
- Airman 1st Class Sara Sharpe
- Airman 1st Class Anthony Sharpe
- Airman 1st Class Dewayne Tatem
- Airman 1st Class Mike Huntington
- Airman 1st Class Andrew Martin

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COMMANDER’S CORNER



Commander’s Hotline
377-6100

The Hotline is your opportunity to get your issues and comments directly to me so I can address them. Before you call the hotline, however, I strongly encourage you to give the unit involved, your first sergeant or commander a shot at resolving the issue. The Iceman Team takes care of its own, but you should give these people the chance to help. Please leave the names and organizations of the people you’ve contacted who have been unable to satisfy your concern, and I will look into the problem. Your confidentiality will be respected at all times. Thank you!

Brig. Gen. Dave Scott
354th Fighter Wing commander

Newspaper deadlines

ARCTIC SENTRY deadlines are close of business Friday prior to the following Friday’s publication. E-mail submissions to editor@eielson.af.mil.

Story ideas?

THE ARCTIC SENTRY staff seeks to provide its customers with informative stories about the Iceman Team. E-mail story ideas to: editor@eielson.af.mil.

Exhibit courtesy, professionalism

by 2nd Lt. Sonja Suarez
354th Fighter Wing protocol office



“Regardless of its origin, the salute is a symbol of greeting; it’s an outward gesture of mutual respect, trust and confidence.”

2nd Lt. Sonja Suarez
354th Fighter Wing protocol office

mere hand movement.

One popular theory says that he U.S. military salute, with the palm downward, is different than most other countries’ salutes because, Navy Seamen’s hands— particularly the deckhands’— were often dirty. Because it would be insulting to salute an officer with dirty hands, they turned their palms downward.

Regardless of its origin, the salute is a symbol of greeting; it’s an outward gesture of mutual respect, trust and confidence.

Although it’s initiated by the junior in rank, there’s no loss of dignity on either side. You will never be out of line to salute another person, regardless of rank.

The salute is a sign of respect to the service of which a member performs.

In the spirit of respect for service of one’s country, military members of friendly countries exchange salutes.

Now you’re armed with knowledge, but how will you know who’s higher ranking? What if you salute an enlisted man or woman?

Some of the uniforms these visitors will be wearing will range from simple to extravagant. It’s easy to get confused.

Love is ... patriotism, esprit de corps, camaraderie

by Lt. Col. Mickey Addison
2nd Civil Engineer Squadron

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. (AFPN) -- Love may seem to be an odd topic for a commander’s editorial, but I think very often that while Airmen may not use the word, they demonstrate their love in the way they serve every day.

I submit that above all, by living out our core values, we show love for our country, our Air Force and our fellow Airmen before love of ourselves.

First, in order to serve this great nation, we must love her deeply.

Patriotism is an abstract concept for many people, but for those of us who wear the uniform of the republic, love of country is an absolute necessity. With our nation at war, her warriors must believe in the values that make this country great, or else our service becomes little more than mercenary.

Our United States of America stands astride the road of history, and we, her warriors, have voluntarily placed our bodies between civilization and the abyss of our enemy.

We have been blessed to serve such a great republic. No other country on earth can boast the freedoms that we enjoy here in America.

Freedom to say what we think, believe what we want, associate with whom we choose, elect our government, and own our own property are values that are not common in our world.

Our enemies want to destroy our country and her civilization; Airmen who love

their country are called to defend her. To love our country more than ourselves lifts our service from just a job to a vocation, a calling, and it lifts us from being merely “in it” for ourselves to warriors for a great republic fighting in the cause of freedom, for ideals larger than ourselves.

Love of our Air Force is the way we express our esprit de corps, that intangible measure of the devotion of the Airmen in a certain squadron or wing.

It manifests itself in the steely-eyed coolness of our aviators, the quiet technical professionalism of our maintainers, the can-do spirit of our combat support Airmen, and the selfless care of our medics.

We hear it in our squadron yells and we see it in the proud way we sing The Air Force Song. Esprit de corps, literally “soul of the body,” expresses the energy, pride and morale of any warrior.

To love the Air Force is to give life to that soul of our service. The animation we give to our service makes us the best in the world, and inspires our fellow Airmen to greater feats of arms.

The final love is love of our fellow Airmen.

As much as we love our country and our Air Force, during the most extreme moments we fight for each other.

Our training often bonds us through shared hardship, and the crucible of combat is the fire that hardens our steel.

Somewhere between the mundane tasks of everyday missions and the second-by-second terror of a street fight in Baghdad, we learn that our love for each other is what binds us most deeply.

Mildred the Moose is on the loose

Fundraiser: fun way to recognize

by Tech. Sgt. William Farrow
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

An Eielson icon has found its way back onto the yards of unsuspecting Icemen.

Mildred the Moose, a large, decorated plywood moose, is used as a social fundraiser for the Eielson Enlisted Spouse’s Club.

For a small \$3 fee, the EESC will camp the moose in the yard of an unsuspecting neighbor.

“I think it’s a great way to recognize people in the community for a promotion, retirement or birthday and it’s a great way for welcoming babies too,” said Kathy Witowic, EESC vice president.

Mildred has signs that can be attached to her front including, “Happy Anniversary”, “Happy Birthday,” “You’ve been Moosed” or a blank sign for a personal message to be attached.

“She has been with the club for several years but remained in hiding until recently,” said Mrs. Wito-

wic, whose club members place Mildred in a yard.

“She will live there content for three days, but if the good folks at her new location wish her only good fortune and to be on her way earlier than the three days, they will gladly pay her traveling expenses of \$5 to have her leave sooner,” she said.

The EESC is a private organization consisting of spouses of enlisted Airmen assigned to Eielson. Mrs. Witowic said she is hoping to increase awareness about the EESC. She said the club is also expanding a welcome program by delivering “welcome bags” full of local treats and information, for new families arriving at Eielson.

The EESC meets first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chapel Annex (bldg 2613). For information about the EESC, or to reserve Mildred, call 372-2630.



Courtesy photo

For three dollars, an Icemen can invite Mildred to graze on a friend’s lawn to wish a happy promotion or other special occasion. After three days Mildred makes her way to another yard.

Safety First

by Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

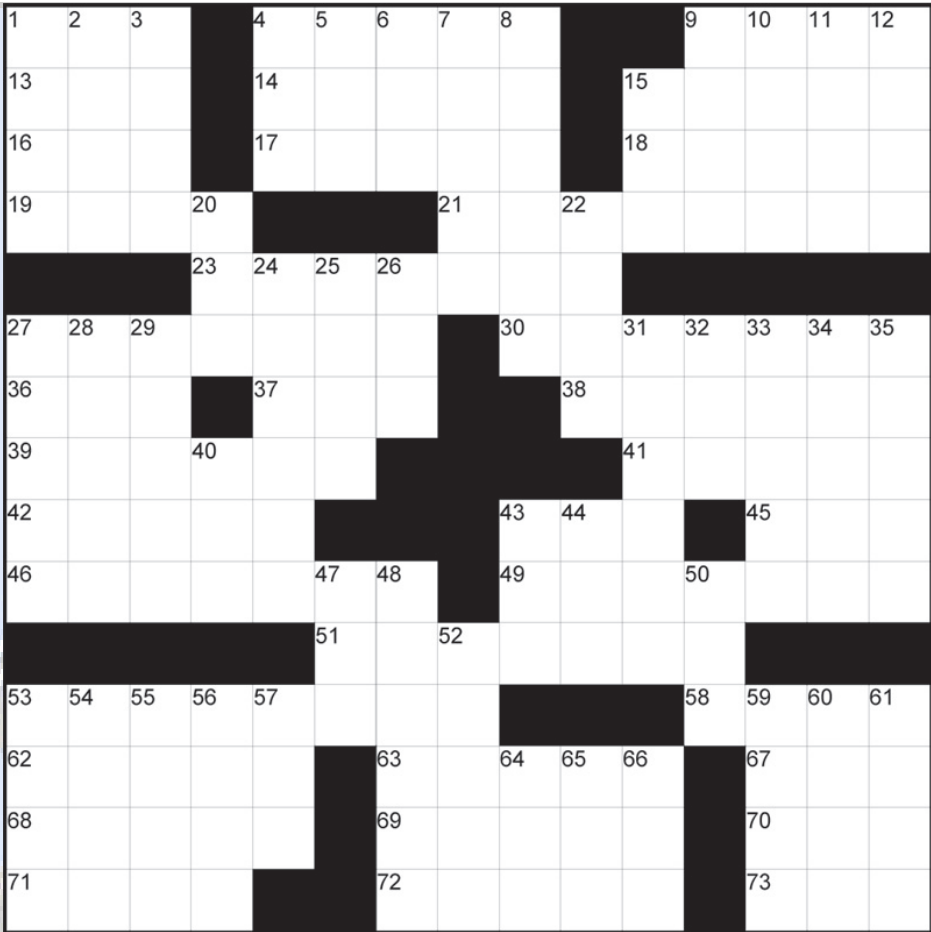
ACROSS

- 1. Internet provider
- 4. Latch
- 9. Thailand once
- 13. Safety gear, in short
- 14. Immerse in liquid
- 15. Sleeping disorder
- 16. Droop
- 17. Impale
- 18. Wagons
- 19. Italian-born fashion designer Schiaparelli
- 21. Light humorous, nonsensical verse
- 23. Officially
- 27. Hearing protection item
- 30. Creeks
- 36. Chinese general’s famous chicken
- 37. Yes
- 38. Head protection
- 39. Commandeers
- 41. Johanna Spyri’s children’s story
- 42. Stone fruit
- 43. Oldest state-supported U.S. military college
- 45. Trespass
- 46. Sight protection item
- 49. Head protection item
- 51. More domineering
- 53. Driving protection item

- 58. Throw
- 62. Skylighted central areas
- 63. Cruddy
- 67. Health resort
- 68. Guide by a wheel
- 69. Follow
- 70. Axis
- 71. Char
- 72. Harvests
- 73. Mil. defense advocate

DOWN

- 1. Church part
- 2. Semiprecious stone
- 3. Lower limbs
- 4. NBC rival
- 5. ___ of luxury; easy street
- 6. Dined
- 7. 2004 movie ___ We Dance
- 8. Dangers
- 9. Box
- 10. Latin ID for Jesus
- 11. MAJCOM Vance AFB belongs to
- 12. Respiratory protection item
- 15. Pilot with 5+ kills
- 20. European mount
- 22. Urban legend
- 24. Go by
- 25. Fellow
- 26. Ripen
- 27. Solo instrument composition
- 28. Estimate
- 29. Path
- 31. Bring back to work



- 32. Subject of Deep Impact
- 33. Pennsylvania people
- 34. Reporters
- 35. Term
- 40. Embroider
- 43. DVD predecessor

May 26 Solutions

SLAV MAP MEALS
SHELF IRE OGRES
HAGOW ARLINGTON
OMAN LOA
VETERAN END LOL
EDO EXALT NOVA
PEPE TONED
NOONE LEFT BEHIND
AURAL TEAR
STEP MYERS TSE
ASS LAC DEEPEND
OTC RAID
MENAGERIE POPPY
ERICA ANN OBOE
ARLEN EKE WETS

- 44. ___ - tai drink
- 47. Honest prez.
- 48. Wheel
- 50. 2000 movie ___ and the Women
- 52. Rock
- 53. Lip
- 54. Kitchen or leather suffix
- 55. Region
- 56. Column
- 57. Prohibit
- 59. Federal safety org.
- 60. Tater
- 61. Mil. First Aid course
- 64. Born in the ___
- 65. Dine
- 66. No alternative



Airman Nora Anton

Blood drive

Airman 1st Class Nicholas Kent, 354th Medical Operation Squadron, donates a pint of blood at the base theater May 23 during a blood drive sponsored by the First Sergeant's Council. More than 45 pints of blood were donated. This was the first of a new monthly blood drive and any unit or squadron may sponsor blood drives. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. David Spencer at 377-5279.



Airman Jonathan Snyder

Auto skills

Retired Master Sgt. Levi Wares works on the fuel filter of his truck at the Auto Skills Center, located on Arctic Blvd., Bldg. 3360. The Auto Skills Center is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesdays through Saturdays.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Boy scouts

The Midnight Sun Council of the Boy Scouts of America is requesting 12 military volunteers (10 not AFSC specific and two medical technicians) to help provide leadership of Boy Scout and Cub Scout programs to more than 300 Scouts. Training is June 19-23. Call Capt. Christopher Anderson at 377-1088 or 2nd Lt. Bryon McGarry at 377-3153.

Assessment survey

The 2006 Community Assessment Survey is underway and is designed to assess the current state of the Air Force community by measuring community satisfaction, personnel preparedness, family adaptation, physical, spiritual and mental well-being and safety. All dependant spouses may take the survey online. Individuals will receive an access code to complete the survey. Go to www.spouseAFCAsurvey.com.

21 Mile Rifle & Pistol Club

The 21 Mile Rifle & Pistol Club is open 6 to 9 p.m Wednesdays and 12 to 5 p.m Saturdays. Membership forms are available at natural resources and the skeet range. For more information, call Gene Scarboro at 488-5502 or John

Karish at 377-3613.

Instructors needed

The Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps has more than 60 instructor positions available in more than 26 states for retired or soon-to-be retired officers and NCOs. For more information, call 866-235-7682, ext. 35275.

Lost and found

The 354th Security Forces Squadron maintains a lost and found collection, containing items such as watches, media players, jewelry, keys and cell phones. For more information, call 377-5276.

Summer detour

The State Department of Transportation provides that the Richardson Highway detour will be in place throughout the summer. For more information call 377-5213.

Job opportunity

Air transportation opportunities for freight/cargo handlers, air terminal gate agent positions available at Eielson AFB. Fax resumes to: Mr.

Robert Christie at-338-0869 or E-mail: rchriste@trailboss.biz.

Jewish lay leader needed

Eielson Chaplain Services is looking for a Jewish Lay Leader, whose responsibilities include acting as a contact between the chapel staff and our Jewish community here on Eielson AFB. If you or someone you know is a part of the Jewish faith and would be interested in serving in this capacity please call Airman Daniel Coomer at 377-2130 or fax to 377-1358.

Summer reading program

A summer reading program for ages preschool through 6th grade and grades 7 through 12 is scheduled through July 21 and will take place Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. through 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Eielson Base Library. Call 377-3174.

Vacation Bible School

There will be a vacation bible school held during 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Monday through Friday at the base chapel. Register Saturday at the chapel. Accepting children ages 3 through completed 6th grade. For more information call

Yolanda Smith at 377-2130.

EESC meeting

The Eieslon Enlisted Spouse's Club will hold a monthly meeting slated for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, at Building 2613 (behind Amber Hall on Wabash). The EESC will be having a social following the meeting. For more information contact Kathy Witowic at 372-2630.

Auto and wood skills

Enroll in auto and wood skills classes at the arts and crafts center. Learn to make a hunting or personal utility knife just in time for Father's Day. Call 377-4880.

Life consultant program

A Military and Family Life Consultant program is available at Eielson's Family Support Center. For more information, call 388-0483.

Farthest North Ride

A Muscular Dystrophy benefit ride is scheduled for June 10, at the Fartherst North Harley-Davidson Outpost. Prizes and barbecue. For more information, call 1-800-478-5683.

Community center

The community center houses a playland, family exercise room, game room, television lounge and more. The center also offers various programs and special events for the entire family. Party rooms are also available. A photography club meets 6 p.m. Thursdays at the community center. No reservations are needed. For more information 377-2642.

Golf

Intramural golf is scheduled to begin play June 7. Contact a unit sports representative or visit the fitness center for details. For more information, call 377-1925.

Strike Force

Strike Force bowling continues through July 31. Receive punches on SF cards for each paid game of bowling or when a large soda product is purchased. Rewards are earned for completed cards. Monthly prize drawings for cash prizes of \$250 and \$500 and others. Ask about the red, white and blue Summer Strike Force cards at Arctic Nite Lanes. Call 377-1129.

SERVICES PROGRAMS

***Editor’s Note:** For a list of other classes and programs, call 377-3268 or surf to www.eielsonservices.com. RSVP for classes. Outdoor recreation rents ski equipment, Ice fishing equipment and various other outdoor equipment. Call 377-1232.*

Programs

Texas Hold ‘em tournaments: 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Yukon Club. Call 377-1075.
Deployed bowling for family members: 5-7 p.m. Fridays at Arctic Nite Lanes. Call 377-1129.
Trap shoot: 5-9 p.m. Tuesdays at the skeet and trap range. Instruction, ammunition and loaner guns are available. Call 377-5338.
FitFactor weekly events: 2:30 p.m. Fridays at the youth center.
Skeet league: Log 50 targets per week. Any adult, active-duty, Guard or Reserve member, family member, civilian or retiree may join the league. Call 377-5338.
Chess club: 5:30 p.m. Thursdays at the community center. Call 377-2642.
Spades tournament: 8 p.m. Fridays at the Yukon Club.
Bowling instruction: Available at Arctic Nite Lanes. Call 377-1129.



Today

❖ A \$5 Kids Night Out for K-6 grade youth center members is set for 6:30 to 11 p.m. Parental permission is required to register.

Friday

❖ A \$5 skeet and trap introductory lesson will be held at 5 p.m. at the outdoor recreation building.

Saturday

❖ Celebrate the opening day of youth baseball starting at 9 a.m. at the ballfields behind the main exchange. Call 377-3194.

❖ Basic wood skills class is noon-3 p.m. at the wood skills development center. Call 377-3190.

Sunday

❖ A Family Buffett offered from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Yukon Club. Cost is \$9 for members and \$4.50 for their children. Nonmembers pay \$11.50 and \$5.50 for children. Call 377-1176.

Monday

❖The veterinary clinic has limited appointments for pet care. Call 377-1176.

Tuesday

❖A Girls’ Only P.J. Party is slated for 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. at the youth center. The \$15 fee is due in advance. Call 377-3194.

Wednesday

❖A parent advisory meeting is set for 11:30 a.m. in the Yukon Club. Family Child Care managers facilitate the meeting. Call 377-3635.

Thursday

❖There is a pre-seperation briefing scheduled for 2 to 3 p.m. at the family support center. Call 377-2178.



All movies show at 7 p.m. at the base theater unless otherwise noted.

Tonight: SCARY MOVIE 4
The Scary Movie gang is back with send-ups of “War of the Worlds,” “The Grudge,” and more. Legendary comedy director David Zucker (“Airplane!” and “Naked Gun”) and producer Bob Weiss reunite to take aim at some of the best films, music, and celebrities in current pop-culture. Rated PG-13 (crude, sexual humor; comedic violence; language) 83 minutes.

Saturday: THE SENTINEL
Pete Garrison is the most decorated agent in the history of the Secret Service. But now, suspected of targeting the president for assassination, Garrison

has become the Service’s worst nightmare. As he uses his formidable skills to try and prove his innocence and find the real assassin, Garrison is tracked by his equally adept former protégée. Rated PG-13 (intense action violence, sensuality) 108 minutes.

Sunday matinee - 1 p.m. THE WILD
In this computer-animated comedy-adventure, an assortment of animals from the New York Zoo including a lion, a giraffe, an anaconda, a koala, and a squirrel, discover what a jungle the city can be when one of their own is mistakenly shipped to the wild and they embark on a dangerous mission to rescue him. Rated G - 85 minutes.

Sunday 7 p.m. SCARY MOVIE 4



Upcoming Outdoor Recreation Activities

To sign up for Outdoor Adventure Program trips or instruction, visit the office at Bear Lake or call 377-1232, unless otherwise noted. Minimum participation levels apply. Sign up a week or more in advance.

♦ **Family Hiking Trip on Angel Rock trail** is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 4. The fee - \$10 single; \$15 family – includes round-trip transport from Bear Lake.

♦**After Work Bike Rides** are set for June 5 and June 19. Cyclists will meet at Bear Lake and explore nearby trails 5-7 p.m. The \$10 fee includes rental; or pay \$5 if a bike isn’t needed.

♦ **A Family Canoe Class** is offered June 10 at Bear Lake. Sign up is by 4:30 p.m. today. For more information, call 377-1232.

♦**An ATV Tour** sessions slated for 4 and 6 p.m. June 15. Trips include hands-on training; the one-hour ride takes place on base around nearby trails. Pay \$35 to reserve space.

♦**A Father’s Day Fishing Tournament** is June 18 at Birch Lake. Sign up by June 11. For more information, call 377-1232.

ACCESS EIELSON

Editor’s Note: Access Eielson is the central source for all base helping agencies. All activities take place at the family support center unless otherwise noted. For a list of other classes and programs call 377-2178 or go to www.eielson.af.mil.

Upcoming Events

Federal Job Search: 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday.
Sponsorship Training: 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday.
Investing 101: 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday

Ongoing Programs

Deployment Briefings: Tuesdays and Thursdays, single Airmen at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and married Airmen at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
Ready, Set, Grow Playgroup: 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the community center.
Cents Off: Save money on your grocery bill, stop by to sort through the coupons.
Pet Sitters List: Identifies community members who are available to care for your pets in your home.
Trip Planner: Contact the relocation manager at 377-2178 for an appointment.

STREET BUZZ

“What goal do you hope to achieve in the next one to two years?”



“In two years, I hope to be well on my way to becoming a registered nurse”

**Airman Ashley Jackson
354th MDOS**



“In two years, I hope to have secured a new job.”

**Ken Michie
354th SVS**



“I hope to start on my degree in something like graphic design ... and learn how to drive.”

**Airman 1st Class
Nikiynicole Felder
354th CS**



“In two years, I hope to have finished my master’s degree in aviation.”

**1st Lt. Donell Pittman
354th LRS**



“In two years, I hope to complete my Community College of the Air Force degree.”

**Staff Sgt. Brad Coddington
354th SVS**

Alaska’s Fish and Game department stocks Eielson lakes

by Tech Sgt. William Farrow
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Several lakes in the area were recently stocked with catchable size fish when the Alaska Department of Fish and Game deposited more than 4,500 Arctic Char in Birch Lake, 3,000 in Polaris Lake and more than 600 Arctic Char in Moose Lake.

Grayling Lake, located across the Richardson Highway from Eielson, received 700 Arctic Char.

However, anglers shouldn’t be too concerned with what was stocked this year said Tom Slater, 354th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental flight outdoor recreation planner.

“On average, the fish (recently released into Eielson lakes) are only about seven-to-eight inches long and, if caught, should be released back into the lake,” he said. “Any fish under seven inch long isn’t

that much of a harvest after dressing the fish, so throw him back and try for him next year.”

Mr. Slater said there are plenty of fish in the lakes that people can harvest. “There are some large fish and catching anything over eight inches is a keeper for most folks,” he said.

Mr. Slater also reminds local and visiting anglers to follow all state regulations while fishing.

The Eielson Natural Resources Office provides briefings on fishing base lakes Mondays at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays at 3 p.m. at the Natural Resources Office, (Bldg. 2215) located on Central Avenue next to the base service station.

The briefings provide information regarding licensing and regulations for fishing Eielson’s lakes.

Mr. Slater recommends that if people are practicing catch and release, they can do the fish a favor by using a pair of pliers to squeeze

the barb flat on the hooks.

“This makes releasing the fish considerably easier for you and is less stressful for the fish,” he said.

Mr. Slater said to never grasp the fish by the eyesockets or through the gill and if the fish swallows a hook, do not attempt to jerk it out, simply clip the line as close to the hook as possible and return the fish to the water quickly. He said the hook will rust away in a few weeks time.

Consult your 2006 Fishing Regulations Summary prior to fishing. Many lakes and streams have special regulations, bag limits and gear restrictions.

Fishing licenses can be purchased online at the ADF&G Web site or at the base exchange.

For more information or updates on local fishing conditions, check the ADF&G Web site at <http://www.adfg.state.ak.us>

Learning has never been more fun

Wing safety offers mandatory ATV training course before hitting muddy trails

by Airman Nora Anton
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The classroom is the Alaskan wilderness and students end their day very dirty and a little sore.

Students are also guaranteed to leave the course with a greater knowledge of how to maneuver an all terrain vehicle safely and efficiently.

A day-long ATV Safety Institute course—mandatory for all Icemen ATV riders—is offered by the 354th Fighter Wing safety office. Upon course completion, Icemen are certified to use ATVs not only for duty, but for recreation as well.

“Whether you’re an aspiring all-terrain vehicle rider or seasoned ATV veteran, you are going to get a lot out of this course,” said Staff Sgt. Richard Caudill, 354th FW ground safety officer and course instructor, who has been teaching the ATV Safety Institute course here since October 2005.

Sergeant Caudill, one of six available ATV Safety Training instructors, said the majority of ATV riders know how to “technically” ride an ATV but have never received any type of formal hands-on training.

Air Force Instruction 91-207 requires all active-duty members using ATVs in performance of their jobs must become certified ATV riders through the course. Eielson has more than 774 active-duty personnel annotated as ATV operators.

“That’s a huge number of riders considering our (Eielson) population,” Sergeant Caudill said.

Sergeant Caudill said the way most people learn how to ride an ATV is by trial and error and that the training the safety office offers provides Icemen the chance to learn to operate the machines the most “painless” way possible.

A not-for-profit division of the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America, the ATV Safety Institute courses’ primary goal is to promote the safe and responsible use of ATVs to reduce accidents and injuries resulting from improper ATV operation.

“Most riders never really learn the physics of riding an ATV and how active a rider must be to operate the machine properly,” he said. “That’s where the safety institute’s course helps riders by providing safe operational instruction.”

In order to devote as much individual attention to the riders as possible, Sergeant Caudill said classes consist of no more than eight riders.

“The class is four hours of hands-on

riding and instruction and it consists of 15 different exercises ranging from simple maneuvers such as proper braking to more complex exercises such as figure-eights,” Sergeant Caudill said.

An experienced rider who has been operating ATVs for more than 20 years, Sergeant Caudill said student diversity here is immense.

“We have riders who have been riding for several years and we also have riders who have never even sat on an ATV— so teaching can be a challenge when those two groups are mixed,” he said.

Sergeant Caudill said the most enjoyable exercise for the students seems to be the end-of-class trail ride.

In the hour-long ride, the students are expected to apply all the riding skills they’ve acquired during the class.

“The ATV class provides great training and the trail ride provides a challenge not just for the inexperienced rider, but even for experienced riders too,” said Senior Airman Galen Perry, 354th Maintenance Squadron aerospace propulsion journeyman, one of the more experienced riders in the May 5 class.

Sergeant Caudill said with today’s world of heightened security, the ATV has become a preferred tool for people performing installation security or whose duties require them to travel to locations not easily accessible by other modes of travel.

“Many military installations require people to use ATVs for their duty at some point or another, so it’s important for people to be trained properly before they operate these machines,” Sergeant Caudill said.

He explained that leadership identified that the course can reduce ATV accidents and that’s why the course is mandatory and offered to every ATV user.

“Since safety is such a high priority, people who are using ATVs for duty or for fun can only benefit from the course,” he said.

Sergeant Caudill said he is confident that everybody who takes the course will ride away with greater knowledge to allow safe operation of their ATV.

“Whether riding trails for fun here at Eielson or patrolling the perimeter at a deployed location, riders are going to have a greater knowledge of their limitations on an ATV and hopefully that understanding will keep them healthy,” Sergeant Caudill said.

To sign up for the class, call the 354th FW ground safety office at 377-1351.



Photos by Airman Nora Anton



Above, Staff Sgt. Richard Caudill, 354th Fighter Wing ground safety technician, demonstrates how to make a “hard turn” to Senior Airman Galen Perry, 354th Maintenance Squadron aerospace propulsion journeyman, before setting him loose to practice in the ATV safety course taught May 5. Left, Airman Perry weaves his way through cones on the practice course. Below, Airman Perry straightens his ATV out after making a dirt-kicking turn.